

# Amendments to the Claims

## Listing of Claims:

- (Withdrawn) A compound of formula I:



wherein:

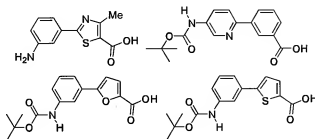
Z is H or an amino protecting group;

Z' is OH, a protected or activated hydroxyl group or Cl;

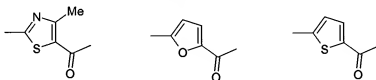
A is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;

B is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;

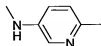
except for the following compounds:



- (Withdrawn-previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein when B is phenylene with an -NH-  $\beta$  to the bond between A and B, then -A-CO- is not:



- (Withdrawn-previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein when -NH-B- is:



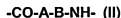
then -A-CO- is not:



4. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Z' is a protected hydroxyl group.

5. (Withdrawn –previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and arylene groups derived from C<sub>5</sub> heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.

6. (Currently amended) A polyamido moiety comprising at least one unit of formula II:



wherein:

A is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;

B is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;

wherein said unit of formula II is bound via an amide bond to one or more other units selected from:

- (i) units of formula II; and
- (ii) amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl units of formula III:



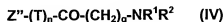
wherein E is either optionally substituted C<sub>5-20</sub> heteroarylene or C<sub>8-10</sub> heteroarylene-C<sub>5-20</sub> arylene.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The polyamido moiety according to claim 6, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and heteroarylene groups derived from C<sub>5</sub> heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.

9. (Canceled)

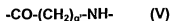
10. (Withdrawn – currently amended) The A compound according to claim 9 comprising the polyamido moiety according to claim 6, having a formula IV:



wherein:

Z'' is OH or a protected hydroxy group;

each T is independently selected from units of formulae II, III or V:



wherein:

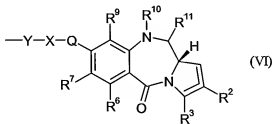
q' is from 1 to 3;

n is from 1 to 10;

q is from 1 to 3; and

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.

11. (Withdrawn – currently amended) The A compound according to claim 9 comprising the polyamido moiety according to claim 6, comprising a pyrrolobenzodiazepine moiety of formula VI:



and salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, wherein:

the dotted lines indicate the optional presence of a double bond between C1 and C2 or C2 and C3;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from -H, -OH, =O, =CH<sub>2</sub>, -CN, -R, OR, halo, =CH-R, O-SO<sub>2</sub>-R, CO<sub>2</sub>R and COR;

$R^6$ ,  $R^7$  and  $R^9$  are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, SH, SR,  $NH_2$ , NHR, NRR', nitro,  $Me_3Sn$  and halo; where R and R' are independently selected from optionally substituted  $C_{1-7}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-20}$  heterocyclyl and  $C_{5-20}$  aryl groups;  
or  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  together form a group  $-O-(CH_2)_p-O-$ , where p is 1 or 2;  
 $R^{10}$  is a nitrogen protecting group and  $R^{11}$  is either  $O-R^{15}$ , wherein  $R^{15}$  is a hydroxyl protecting group, or  $R^{15}$  is OH; or  
 $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  together form a double bond between N10 and C11;  
Q is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond;  
X is a divalent group such that  $HY = R$ , or a single bond;  
Y is either NH or  $C(=O)$ .

12. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^3$  is H.
13. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^6$  is selected from H, OH, OR, SH,  $NH_2$ , nitro and halo.
14. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^7$  is independently selected from H, OR, SH, SR,  $NH_2$ , NHR, NRR' and halo.
15. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^{10}$  is BOC, Troc or alloc.
16. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^{15}$  is THP or a silyl oxygen protecting group.
17. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  together form a double bond between N10 and C11.
18. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein Q is NH, O or a single bond.
19. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein X is a single bond or  $C_{1-7}$  alkylene.

20. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H.
21. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is R.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing the a compound of claim 9 comprising the polyamido moiety according to claim 6, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Withdrawn – currently amended) A method of treatment of a proliferative disease, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically-effective amount of ~~the~~ a compound of claim 9 comprising the polyamido moiety according to claim 6.
26. (Canceled)